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1. In the Dobrudzha and in the Varna areas clandestine organizations exist mainly among the farmers. This was brought to light when numerous arrests were made from 28 April 1951 to May 1951. In the Tolbukhin area approximately 130 people were arrested; in the Varna area approximately 80, and in the village of Topolovo in the Provadiya (N4311 E2727) area, approximately 45.
 2. In the Tolbukhin area there was a clandestine group directed by a civilian who, with two officers and six soldiers of 46 Infantry Regiment, was among those arrested. The military were supposed to supply the group with arms. The main target for this group immediately before their arrest was the blowing up of 46 Infantry Regiment depots adjoining the barracks in Tolbukhin.
 3. [redacted] anti-Communist posters among villagers, 50X1-HUM appealing to the peasants to stop working for the Communists. The posters were typewritten and bore the Goryanin stamp. [redacted] posters among the villages of Yoni Makhale, Kadievo (N4208 E2436), Boyana (N4239 E2316) and Bogdanovo (N4331 E2748). [redacted] discontented elements for a private army which would support the partisans.
 4. [redacted] another group, composed of 13 members, in Shtipko, near Provadiya [redacted] managed to collect 1,000 leva for the purchase of arms. A total of 16 pistols of various makes and calibers were finally collected and distributed among the leaders of the village for personal defense. 50X1-HUM
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[redacted] a group of 2,000 partisans [redacted] were in the Sliven mountains, allegedly, under the leadership of Asen Stambuliiski. [redacted]

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[redacted] Asen Stambuliiski was at his home in Plovdiv, and was in no way connected with the partisans.

[redacted] Comment: [redacted] no large-scale organized resistance movement exists. Asen Stambuliiski has been widely mentioned as the leader of a partisan group, but [redacted] no evidence to suggest that this is true, and consider the above paragraph likely to be correct on this point. In the spring of 1951 the Bulgarian press, no doubt to dispel similar rumors, published an account of an interview with Stambuliiski in which he stated that he was living quietly at home and was taking no part in political activities.

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